of demand and availability so compiled in respect of 15 stations is enclosed as Annexure-I. (See Appendix CLXVI, Annexure II]

(b) Keeping in view the land and resources constraints, it may not be feasible to provide accommodation to all the employees.

Release of Funds for Ashraya Housing Schemes

647. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite executing a Memoradum of Understanding (MOU) with HUDCO, the State Government of Karnataka is still waiting for the release of funds required for the Ashraya Housing Schemes for the economically weaker sections of the society; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay and whether HUDCO would reckon the enhanced cost caused by such delays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b): As per the Memorandum of Understanding signed between HUDCO and Govt. of Karnataka for the implementation of the Ahsraya Housing Scheme, funds were to be made available by HUDCO to Govt. of Karnataka by mobilising resources through taxable bonds. The project report submitted by the Govt. of Karnataka did not conform to the requirements of HUDCO. The deficiencies included involvement of beneficiaries in design and implementation of the scheme instead of a contractor orientation, adoption of alternate designs taking into account various geo-climatic features etc. HUDCO has requested the Govt. of Karnataka to rectify these deficiencies and resubmit the proposal. The revised proposal has not been received by HUDCO.

Simultaneously, HUDCO made efforts to raise funds through taxable bond. However, HUDCO did not succeed because of the uncertain conditions in the capital market. This was also communicated to the State Government.

In view of the above, the question of any delay on HUDCO's part does not arise.

Regularisation of Excess Coverage in Contravention of Building plan

648. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to regularise the excess coverage in contravention of sanctioned building plan, if so, what are the details thereof?

(b) what is the justification for taking such a decision as the same is likely to encourage illegal construction; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the decision keeping in view its adverse affect on the construction activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c): Public objections have been initiated by MCD, DDA and NDMC against a proposal to amend the Building Bye-laws to regularise the excess coverage|floor area to the extent of 5 per cent of the permissible coverage|FAR subject to a maximum of 13.5 sq. mtr. overall area

in a building premises on the basis of compounding charges initiated in the notification for a excess coverage upto 1 per cent, 1 per cent to 5 per cent and over 5 per cent and subject to no facility for compounding to district centres, community centres, or other commercial centres planned by DDA and MCD. The intenion is to provide for deterrent penalties against unauthorised construction and excess coverage. The final decision will be taken after examining the public objections and comments in respect of the notifications issued by the three bodies.

Lack of basic Amenities in M.C.D. Quarters in Lodhi Road

649. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the ground floor quarters of Lodhi Colony of MCD Zone of specially of block fifteen have not been provided with basic facilities; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b): Same facilities have been provided in ground floor quarters in Block 15 Lodhi Colony as in other Blocks of Type-III quarters of Lodhi Colony.

Continuous stay of Asstt. Managers'/ Controllers of Directorate of Printing in Delhi

650. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Officers of the rank of Asstt. Managers/Controllers working under the Directorate of Printing PSP Div. are being allowed continuous stay in Delhi for more than ten years or so depriving other Officers to remain outside Delhi; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and action contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) (a) and (b) As per the present policy officers are liable to be transferred from one Unit to another after 3-4 years. There is however no policy regarding their transfer from one station to another. The transfer are made as and when due taking all relevant factors into consideration. At present, there are three officers staying in Delhi for more than 10 years. These officers were, however, not allowed to be in the same unit for much more than 4 years. There are no officers who have worked in other presses outside Delhi for more than 3-4 years and who have been requesting for transfer to Delhi.

Development of Towns/Cities

651. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will he Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to develop some towns and cities in the country with external aid;

(b) if so, the names and the number of cities and towns identified in the country for development with external aid:

(c) how many of those cities and towns are in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL